MEETING OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS
17 OCTOBER 1957

ORDER OF BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION

9:30 a.m. 1. CONVENE, ROOM 7000 INTERIOR DEPARTMENT BUILDING.

9:33 a.m. 2. MINUTES: 1 August & 12 September 1957 meetings. app.

9:35 a.m. 3. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 14 or 21 November 1957 (?) 19 Dec.

9:40 a.m. 4. REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON SMITHSTEAD-LUCK ACT APPLICATIONS SINCE 12 SEPTEMBER 1957 MEETING (See Appendix 1). Conf

9:45 a.m. 5. REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON OLD GEORGETOWN ACT APPLICATIONS SINCE 12 SEPTEMBER 1957 MEETING (See Appendix 2). Conf

6. REPORT OF NCPC COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING ON OCTOBER 8
Increase in height of Federal Office Bldg. 6. LRA reported
Nat. Air Museum

9:50 a.m. 7. DISCUSSION:

(a) Constitution Avenue Bridge--Determination of position CFA can take in regard to advising the District of Columbia on design of bridge authorized in Public Law 704, 83rd Congress. extract bridge testimony and draft statement to be presented to Secy. of Interior

SUBMISSIONS

10:30 a.m. 8. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, PUBLIC BUILDINGS SERVICE: Design progress on Federal Office Bldg. 10 (Mr. L. L. Hunter, Asst. Comm'r. for Design & Constr., PBS; Mr. J. Roy Carroll, Jr. of Carroll, Grisdale & Van Alen; Mr. Wm. Holabird, Mr. Jos. A. Burgee, Mr. Hellmuth Bartsch of Holabird, Root & Burgee). approved

11:15 a.m. 9. INTERIOR DEPARTMENT, NATIONAL CAPITAL PARKS: George Washington Memorial Parkway-Upper Spout Run Bridge (Mr. Wm. M. Hausamann, Architectural Branch, NCP). approved

11:40 a.m. 10. D. C. GOVERNMENT ARCHITECT: Alterations to street facade of Police Precinct #7 at 3128 Volta Place., N.W.
refer to D.D.B.

12:00 M. 11. DISCUSSION (Continued):

(b) Determination of procedure to be followed to avoid committing the CFA, or giving false impressions before a sound opinion has been reached, in studying submissions in the presence of representatives of other agencies.

Mrs. Dennis

(c) CFA Statement of Principles--Matters relating to formulation and preparation of text for publication.

(d) Tomb of the Unknown Soldier - Ltr. from Col. Jas. C. Hatton, Chief, Memorial Division, Quartermaster General's Office, Army Dept. informing CFA that final drawings will be ready in November.

(e) New British Chancery Building--Invitation to Chairman to attend laying of cornerstone on Saturday, October 19th, at 11:45 a.m. by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

(f) National Monument Commission-Five Freedoms Memorial--Status of design.

(g) Venezuelan Government, Simon Bolivar Plaza and Statue-Progress of construction.

1:00 p.m. Lunch in Secretary's Dining Room.

2:00 p.m. 12. DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, MAR. LOIC MEDAL-Capt. Robert Dexter Conrad Award for Scientific Achievement, U. S. Navy--Preliminary sketch (Lt. Col. Jas. H. Cook, Jr., Chief, Heraldic Br., MG Office; ~~Mr. E. H. Jones, sculptor~~) Mr Monkman Mr Knox

remove hat and uniform - and submit revised drawing

CONGRESS - LEGISLATION

2:15 p.m. 13. LEGISLATION: Decorative art for public buildings--Preparation of draft bill to be sponsored by CFA.

2:30 p.m. 14. DISCUSSION (Continued):

(h) Progressive Citizens Assn. of Georgetown - One of the chief objectives of the PCAG is "to support the Federal Commission of Fine Arts and its Georgetown committee in carrying out Public Law 808, the Old Georgetown Act."

(i) Proposed bldg. for Pan American Union at 23rd & E St., NW (Square 59)--NCPC ltr. of 14 Oct. 1957 to Board of Zoning Adjustment of the District of Columbia.

3:00 p.m. 15. SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION--Dr. Leonard Carmichael, Secy. desires to present his views on placing National Air Museum on the Mall between 4th & 7th Streets instead of the Art Museum, long projected for this site.

Adjourn

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MEMORANDUM MINUTES OF THE
MEETING OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS
HELD IN WASHINGTON, D. C. 17 October 1957
9:30 a. m.

Present: Douglas W. Orr, Vice Chairman
Elbert Peets
Felix de Weldon
Mrs. Emily Muir
Mr. William G. Perry

L. R. Wilson, Secretary
Susan E. Bennett, Admn. Asst.
Mr. Barnes, stenotypist

The Commission met, pursuant to notice, at 9:30 a. m., with Douglas W. Orr, Vice Chairman, presiding in the absence of the Chairman, David E. Finley. Mr. Finley took the chair shortly after the opening of the afternoon session.

I. ADMINISTRATION

1. Minutes of meetings on 1 August and 12 September 1957 were approved.

2. Dates of next two meetings of the Commission
21 November 1957 and 19 December 1957

3. Expression of appreciation to the Old Georgetown Board of Consultants and the Panel for the Shipstead-Luce Act.
It was agreed that the members of the Panel of Architects for the Shipstead-Luce Act and the Architectural Consultants for the Old Georgetown Act should be given a vote of thanks by the Commission for the work they have done during the past year in processing applications under these two Acts. The Secretary was instructed to invite the members of the Board and the Panel to meet with the Commission at the December meeting, at which time members of the Commission would personally express their appreciation for the services rendered by the Panel and the Board.

4. Report of the National Capital Planning Commission Coordinating Committee on Federal Office Building #6.
The Secretary reported that at the meeting of the Coordinating Committee of the National Capital Planning Commission, held on 8 October 1957, the Public Buildings Service of General Services Administration, stated they would like to increase the height of Federal Office Building #6 by one and one-half feet. The Secretary said he stated at the meeting, when he was asked, that he believed the increase of one and one-half feet in the height was immaterial so far as the design was concerned. The members concurred in this opinion.

II. SUBMISSIONS

1. Commissioners of the District of Columbia

a. Department of Licenses and Inspections

1. Building applications submitted under the Shipstead-Luce Act - confirmation

The actions recommended by the Shipstead-Luce Panel of Architects, on the applications listed on Appendix 1, were confirmed. Exhibit A.

2. Building applications submitted under the Old Georgetown Act - confirmation

The actions recommended by the Old Georgetown Board of Architectural Consultants on the applications listed on Appendix 2 were confirmed. Exhibit B.

b. Department of Buildings and Grounds.

1. Supervising Architect's Office.

The Secretary presented the drawings which had been submitted by the Supervising Architect for the District of Columbia, Mr. Guard, showing the proposed alterations in the facade of the Seventh Police Precinct in Georgetown. After a discussion of the drawings, it was moved and approved that the matter be referred to the Georgetown Board of Architectural Consultants for Georgetown, with a request that they work out the details with Mr. Guard. (Exhibit X).

2. Public Buildings Service, General Services Administration

a. Federal Office Building #10

Mr. Carroll presented the drawings and a model of Federal Office Building #10 which has been revised in accordance with suggestions made by the Commission of Fine Arts. The building height had been lowered by removing one story and moving the structure back on the site a distance of 50 feet. The members expressed satisfaction with the changes made and were glad to approve the general character and design as illustrated by the model. The Acting Chairman expressed the desire to have later drawings submitted to the Commission. The Secretary was instructed to write a letter to the Public Buildings Service incorporating this decision, and to include a copy of this letter in the official record of the minutes. Exhibit C.

3. Department of the Interior, National Capital Parks

a. George Washington Memorial Parkway - Upper Spout Run Bridge

Mr. Haussmann presented and explained a scale study model for an arched bridge over Spout Run on the extension of the George Washington Memorial Parkway, above Key Bridge. The reinforced-concrete arch is to span a ravine for a distance

II. SUBMISSIONS (continued)

3. Department of the Interior, National Capital Parks (cont.)

of approximately 225 feet. The abutments are to be clothed in field stone. The members thought the thin, sensitive characted of the design for the bridge was very attractive, and it was voted to approve the general conception of this bridge. The Secretary was instructed to write a letter to the National Capital Parks informing them of this approval and to incorporate a copy of this letter into the official record of the minutes. Exhibit D.

4. Department of the Army, Heraldic Branch

a. Captain Robert Dexter Conrad Award for Scientific Achievement, U. S. Navy

Lt. Colonel Cook submitted preliminary sketches, prepared by his office, of the medal and ribbon designs proposed for the Captain Robert Dexter Conrad Award for Scientific Achievement (U. S. Navy). The design of the medal showed the bust of Captain Conrad in the cap and uniform of a Naval Officer, with an anchor and nameplate of the recipient on the reverse. The members suggested that the medal would be more distinctive and portray the strong character of Captain Conrad better if the cap and uniform were omitted, using only the head and neck. Colonel Cook stated that he would be glad to have the sketches revised in accordance with the suggestions of the Commission and resubmit them at a later meeting. The Secretary was instructed to write a letter to Colonel Cook confirming this action and to incorporate a copy of the letter into the record of the minutes. Exhibit E.

III. INFORMAL SUBMISSIONS

None

IV. CONGRESS - Legislation

No discussion was held, there being no pressing items, and the time having run out. A draft for a proposed bill on decorative arts will be circulated before the next meeting.

V. DISCUSSION

a. Designs for Constitution Avenue Bridge

The Secretary presented two plan drawings for the Constitution Avenue Bridge at the site authorized by Public Law 704/84th Congress. One showed the scheme for the new bridge and approaches which was approved by the National Capital Planning Commission at its meeting in September; the other was the plan on which the District Commissioners have begun to take test borings of the riverbed. It was pointed out that placing the bridge so near the Memorial Bridge will bring the interchanges on the District side of the river much closer to the Lincoln Memorial than the Roosevelt Island site would do.

V. DISCUSSION (Continued)

a. Designs for Constitution Avenue Bridge (cont.)

The Secretary also read a copy of a letter (Exhibit F), written to Mr. Bradford Williams, President of the American Society of Landscape Architects by the Honorable Sherman Adams, the Assistant to the President, with a copy to the District Commissioners, stating that any designs for the bridge and its approach roads must have the approval of the Secretary of the Interior. It was the opinion of the members that the letter appeared to have the force of an executive order, and that the Commission should make its position known to the Secretary as clearly and strongly as possible.

The Acting Chairman stated his belief that the most effective manner to make the destructive nature of the plan clear would be to show a model of the bridge with all the approach roads. Such a model would clearly point out what will happen to the parklands if the Commissioners are allowed to proceed with the plans for this bridge at this site. It was agreed that the Chairman and Vice Chairman should first confer with Mr. Conrad Wirth, Director of the National Park Service. Then the Secretary of the Interior could be advised as clearly and strongly as possible that, in disapproving the erection of the bridge in this location, he had the strong support of the Commission of Fine Arts.

b. Department of the Army - Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

The Secretary stated that he had received a letter from Colonel James G. Hattox, Chief of the Memorial Divison, Office of the Quartermaster General, informing him that the final drawings for the additional memorials for the unknown soldiers of World War II and the Korean Conflict were not yet ready but would be submitted at the November meeting of the Commission. A copy of the letter will be made a part of the official minutes. Exhibit G.

c. New British Chancery Building

The Chairman stated that he had received an invitation to attend the laying of the cornerstone of the new British Chancery Building by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth on 19 October 1957. He also stated that the British Ambassador appreciated very much the advice the members of the Commission gave on the proposed new Chancery Building. It was pointed out that the British Architect had indicated his willingness to try to follow some of the suggestions made by the members of the Commission but it was not anticipated that the final drawings would be resubmitted to the Commission.

d. National Monuments Commission - Five Freedoms Memorial

The Secretary reported that he had talked with Mr. Harry T. Thompson, Secretary of the National Monuments Commission before Mr. Thompson had gone to New York to see the Chairman of the National Monument Commission, Mr. Olin, to try to explain to him

V. DISCUSSION (continued)

d. National Monuments Commission - Five Freedoms Memorial (cont.) the position of the Commission of Fine Arts regarding changes in the design of the Five Freedoms Memorial. The Chairman re-stated his understanding that although the Commission had approved the "general concept" of the memorial, it was the belief of the members that the height and size of the memorial were too great, and that the site for a monument of this design was not a suitable one.

e. Smithsonian Institution - National Air Museum.

In a private discussion of the site on the Mall opposite the National Gallery where the Smithsonian Institution now desires to build an air museum, the members reviewed their opinion that this site was undesirable from the standpoint of size, and also of the material to be housed in the building. It was agreed that an attempt should be made to find a more suitable site for the air museum.

Dr. Leonard Carmichael, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, accompanied by Dr. Keddy and Mr. Graf, then appeared before the Commission to explain the desire of the Smithsonian Institution to put the proposed National Air Museum building on the Mall. He stated that an exhaustive study had been carried on over a long period of years and that many different sites had been considered before reaching the decision to erect the air museum building on the Mall opposite the National Gallery of Art. He stated further that this particular site had for many years been reserved for an art museum to house the National Collection of Fine Arts. Now that the Old Patent Office Building was to be used to house the National Portrait Gallery and the National Collection of Fine Arts, it was Dr. Carmichael's opinion that the site reserved for the art museum could well be used for the air museum. He expressed the hope that the Commission of Fine Arts would be willing to reconsider its recommendation to the Congress that a further study for a site for the air museum be conducted, and to give its approval to building the air museum on this site. See report dated 8/15/57 on H. R. 8513/85th Congress (Exhibit H) and report dated 8/15/57 on S. 1985/85th Congress (Exhibit H-1).

After Dr. Carmichael departed, the Commission carefully discussed the subject and reiterated their opinion that before any further action is taken on the site proposed by Dr. Carmichael, a further study be given to the five blocks at the head of Tenth Street, which are to be turned over soon by the Redevelopment Land Agency to the General Services Administration. Inasmuch as office buildings have now been tentatively approved for these locations heretofore designated as museum space, it seemed appropriate that this matter should be reconsidered. The Chairman was asked to advise Dr. Carmichael of the Commission's views,

V. DISCUSSION (continued)

e. Smithsonian Institution - National Air Museum. (continued) and to explore the possibility regarding the use of this site for an air museum with the General Services Administration.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p. m.

L. R. Wilson
Secretary

APPENDIX A

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN ON SHIPSTEAD-LUCE ACT APPLICATIONS SINCE 12 SEPTEMBER 1957:

NO	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT	ACTION
2005	617-15th St., NW Nat'l Delicatessen Sandwich Shop	1 d-f, V-type, 24 sq-ft neon sign	Disap; recom. flat sign with concealed neon tubing & silhouetted ltrs. Colors preferred: green, blue, or white. Note: Contractor promised, but has failed to submit a redesign. 9/19/57
2007	2607 Military Rd., NW St. Johns College	New ol & Br Chers' residence	App'd. 9/19/57
2009	422 No. Cap. St., NW Hotel Continental	3 s-f, illuminated signs on marquis	App'd. for 1 sign on front of marquise only. 9/25/57
2010	3001 Chestnut St., NW R. M. Greenwood	New 1-story, brick dwelling	App'd. 9/19/57
2011	5711 Utah Ave., NW Miller & Minogue	1 2-story, br. & stone frame dwelling	Ret'd for determination as to juriad. of CFA, 9/19/57. Was informed by phone on 9/24/57 that house was not under CFA jurisdiction.
2012	5721 Utah Ave., NW Miller & Minogue	1 2-story, br. & stone frame dwelling	Same as 2011
2013	1615 H St., NW Chamber of Commerce	Add 4 fl. addn. over rear of exist. bldg. & alterations to exist. bldg.	App'd. 9/19/57
2014 & 1998	415-12th St., NW Raleigh Hotel, Inc.	Convert portion of 1st fl. to restaurant & chg. window to door, & provide alum. trim within exist. 1st fl. window openings.	App'd. 9/19/57
2015	1707 G St., NW Kay's Sandwich Shop	1 d-f, 24 sq-ft each side, brown & yellow sign	Disap., recom. flat sign. 9/19/57
2016	1337 F St., NW Auto Centers, Inc.	1 d-f, v-type neon sign, 12 sq-ft each side (green & rose)	Disap., recom. flat sign & concealed neon tubing. Colors preferred: green, blue, & white. 9/19/57
2017	1811 Quincy St., NW Walter M. Ballard	Encl. exist. screen porch	App'd. 10/10/57

CONFIRMATION OF PROPOSED ACTION:

1825	230-22nd St., NW National Association of Life Underwriters	3-story office building	This application is ret'd. at the request of the NALU. It will be resubmitted when revised plans of approved design are completed.

EXHIBIT A

EXHIBIT B

APPENDIX 2

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN ON OLD GEORGETOWN ACT APPLICATIONS SINCE
12 SEPTEMBER 1957 MEETING

ORDER OF BUSINESS

No.	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT	ACTION
1963	1093-35th St., NW Christine B. Haley	Remove large window panes in exist. front windows of bldg. & replace sash with smaller panes as being done in the George. area. Install wood frame around front entr. door.	App; but it is recom'd. that chgs. be limited to changing to muntin-type windows. We strongly urge that shutters on 2nd story central window be omitted & that frame around entr. door be omitted. 9/17/57
1964	1249-33rd St., NW Mrs. C. Kuhn	New front & rear stoops & steps. New doors & windows on rear.	App'd. provided ther is no exposed concrete & that br. or stone be used on front area curb & steps. 9/17/57
1965	1233-31st St., NW Albert F. Loening, Jr.	Repair front steps (wood); carriage light to left of door.	App'd., 9/17/57
1966	1517-27th St., NW Francis G. Bittinger	Inter. alterations, bathrm. partitions, new window at rear wall	App'd., 9/17/57
1967	1513-27th St., NW Chas. Bittinger, Jr.	Inter. alteratins, bathrm. partitions, new window at rear wall	App'd., 9/17/57
1968 & 1832	1405-27th St., NW R. A. Eldridge	Chg. size of front basement window.	App'd. for chg. in size of front basement window. Note: exist. kitchen window as shown in photo. does not confora with kitchen window as app'd. on drawings accompanying OG 1832, & the front steps are not in accordance with previous plans. 9/17/57
1969	2608 T St., NW Geo. A. Perkins	Install coach lantern on front wall adjacent to door	App'd., 9/17/57
1970	1048 Wisc. Ave., NW Daniel Kaiser (Store & dwelling)	Replace window sash, shutters & windows	App'd., 9/20/57
1971	1029 Cecil Pl., NW Mrs. F. Slaughter	Make interior alterations to bldg.	App'd. with recom. that dining rm. window be made same size as other windows. 10/1/57

EXHIBIT B

APPENDIX 2 (Continued)

NO	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT	ACTION
1972 B 1921	1436-36th St., NW W. D. Walker, III	Rev. to CC 1921 (B. P. B-25491) to brick entire rear portion of bldg. instead of plank	App'd., 9/17/57
1973	3045 West Le. Keys, NW A. L. Wheeler	1 s-f, 40 sq-ft constr. sign	App'd. as tempo. sign. This action does not imply approval of the architecture of the proposed work to be represented in the painting, nor the descriptive wording in the advertising. 9/17/57
1974	3512 P St., NW Thos. A. Parrott, Jr.	Change exist. sash to rear door, build exterior open.	App'd., 9/24/57
1975	1515-32nd St., NW Hugh Bottelson	6'-6" cedar sapling fence	App'd., 9/24/57
1976	3421 Dent Pl., NW Chisholm Beach	Rev. to B. P. B-21977 to chg. windows in sun-porch from casement to double hung; & extend height of wall.	App'd., 9/24/57
1977	3313 P St., NW Rear Adm. C.W. Smith	Replace present 2x4 rafters with 2x8 rafters. Replace present canvas roof with tin. Install decorative plastiglas in side window areas above walls	App'd., 9/24/57
1978	1220-31st St., NW Milo M. Brinkley	7' wooden stockade fence	App'd., 10/1/57
1979	1409-36th St., NW Mary E. Gallagher	Build partition for new bath in laundry rm. & new front entrance frame & door.	App'd., 10/1/57
1980	1238 Misc. Ave., NW Martin's Carriage House	150 watt flood lights to illuminate plain painted sign on front of bldg.	App'd., 10/1/57
1981	3206 "O" St., NW Paper Back Bk. Shop	Amend B. P. 43165 to install 2 150-watt lamps to reflect against front doors & also line white light to illuminate painted sign on front of store	App'd., 10/1/57
1982	3333 Dent Pl., NW W. W. Wilson	Electrify exist. gas lamp on front porch	App'd., 10/1/57
1983	1546-33rd St., NW Arvin E. Upton	Erect fire place & chimney	App'd., 10/1/57

APPENDIX 2 (Continued)

NO	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT	ACTION
1984	3007 Cambridge Pl., NW Mrs. Thos. E. Dugan	Install air cooling condensing unit for air conditioning system on cement base in rear corner of rear yard. Unit is 25" high, color is forest green, steel casing	App'd., 10/1/57
1985	1664 Avon Pl., NW Sam Levy	New sash, doors, shutters & door trim, new steps	App'd., 10/1/57
1986	1666 Avon Pl., NW Sam Levy	New sash, doors, shutters & door trim, new steps	App'd., 10/1/57
1987	1257-71 Misc. Ave., NW Henry Fisher(store)	Install show window	App'd., 10/1/57
1989	3210 K St., NW J. C. Lang (Gas station)	6'-6" to 7' vertical wood fence	Ret'd. for elevation drawing of fence facing K St. Lot 828 appears to be used as a public alley from information in our plat book, 10/3/57
1990	2515 K St., NW Sam Levy	New 12 light, double-hung window, 2'6"x5'0" in attic in east wall	Ret'd. for drawing showing location of window, & its relationship to exist. windows, 10/3/57
1991	3501 "O" St., NW N. A. Eldridge	6'-0" vertical boards fence	App'd. Note: Fence was built previous to submission of application, 10/3/57
1992	3135 Dumbarton Ave., NW Beatrice Hurd	Bld. roof over front uncovered porch; 4'-8" wide porch roof to extend 3'-9" beyond bldg. line	App'd., 10/3/57
1993	3140 Dumbarton Ave., NW Beatrice Hurd	Bld. roof over front uncovered porch; 5' wide porch roof will extend 3'-10" beyond bldg. line	App'd., 10/3/57
1994	3600 K St., NW D. C. Transit System, Inc.	3 tempo. s-f illuminated signs	App'd. for temporary non-illuminated signs, 10/3/57
1995	1534-32nd St., NW M. Godfrey	Bld. rear addn.	App'd., 10/3/57
1996	3310 K St., NW L. S. Briggs	Sandblast outside front wall;	App'd. Note: If necessary to repoint, new mortar should match the color of the exist. or the original mortar, 10/3/57
1997	3232 Prospect St., NW Robert B. MacAtee	6' western cedar fence	App'd., 10/3/57

16 January 1958

Honorable F. Moran McConihe
Commissioner of Public
Buildings Service
General Services Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. McConihe:

I am writing to confirm as a matter of record that, on 17 October 1957, at a regular meeting of the Commission of Fine Arts, the members of the Commission were shown the current developments in the design of Federal Office Building 10 by the architects and your representatives. The elimination of one story from the building's height as shown in the model was noted with satisfaction. The design as shown in the model was approved in general with the understanding that further developments at larger scale will be referred to the Commission as they develop.

It was further recommended that the building be set back on the lot from the established building line in the neighborhood of 50 feet, if studies prove it is feasible to do so.

Sincerely yours,

L. R. Wilson
Secretary

EXHIBIT C

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16 January 1958

Honorable Edward J. Kelly
Superintendent
National Capital Parks
Department of the Interior
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kelly:

I am writing to confirm as a matter of record that, on 17 October 1957, at a regular meeting of the Commission of Fine Arts, the members of the Commission were shown a model of the proposed Upper Spout Run Bridge, George Washington Memorial Parkway, by Mr. William Haussmann. The members were pleased with the character of the design and approved it in general as presented in the model. We will of course be glad to confer further with you on the details of the design.

Sincerely yours,

L. R. Wilson
Secretary

cc Mr. Harry T. Thompson, NCP
Mr. William Haussmann

EXHIBIT D

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COPY

16 January 1958

Lt. Colonel James S. Cook
Chief, Heraldic Branch
Office of the Quartermaster General
Department of the Army
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Colonel Cook:

I am writing to confirm as a matter of record that, on 21 November 1957, at the regular meeting of the Commission of Fine Arts, the members of the Commission approved the revised sketch of the medal for the Captain Robert Dexter Conrad award. You will recall that this revised sketch incorporated suggestions made to you at the 17 October 1957 meeting regarding a simplified treatment of the effigy of Captain Conrad.

Notice of this approval was made to you verbally, and it is understood that work was started on producing the plaster model. We will, of course, be glad to look at the model when you have it ready.

In accordance with your request all the original sketches that you submitted are being returned herewith. Photostatic copies have been retained for our files.

Sincerely yours,

L. R. Wilson
Secretary

EXHIBIT E

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COPY

THE WHITE HOUSE
Washington

The Assistant to the President October 7, 1957

Dear Mr. Williams:

On behalf of the President, I am replying to your recent letter concerning construction of a bridge across the Potomac River at Constitution Avenue.

The decision of the District Commissioners to proceed with construction of a Constitution Avenue bridge was made only after the Congress had considered at length a number of alternative proposals. The Congress was unable to reach agreement on any of the alternative proposals, including the proposal to construct a tunnel. The Commissioners, therefore, have decided to use the existing authorizing legislation to meet the need for relief of traffic congestion.

The District Commissioners will, of course, seek the advice of the Commission of Fine Arts and the National Capital Planning Commission in designating a bridge and approaches which will preserve the beauty and significance of the memorial area. Furthermore, they will obtain the approval of the Secretary of the Interior on the design, location, and all other matters relating to the Federal park lands which may be affected in accordance with the President's statement of exceptions when he signed the Constitution Avenue bridge bill.

Kind regards.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Sherman Adams

Mr. Bradford Williams
American Society of Landscape Architects
9 Park Street
Boston 8, Massachusetts

EXHIBIT F

C O P Y

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
Washington 25, D. C.

nreply refer to
MME-P 293.8
nnowns WWI & Korea

14 October 1957

Mr. David E. Finley, Chairman
Commission of Fine Arts
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Finley:

As you mentioned in your letter of 17 September 1957, the Army had expected that the final architectural drawings, embodying plans for the entombment of additional unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery, would be completed before the meeting of the Commission of Fine Arts on 17 October.

Unfortunately, there have been unavoidable delays in the resolution of minor points to be incorporated in the drawings. We now believe that we shall have the final plans before the end of the month. As soon as the material is available, we shall deliver copies to your Secretary, Mr. Wilson. The recommendations made by the Commission to the Architect and Army representatives on 12 September will be incorporated in the drawings.

Since it is imperative that actual construction at Arlington get under way as soon after Veterans Day as possible, we are proceeding on the assumption that the Army may negotiate contracts in advance of the Commission's November meeting.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) James G. Hattox
JAMES G. HATTOX
Colonel, QMG
Chief, Memorial Division

EXHIBIT G

C O P Y

THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS
7000 INTERIOR DEPARTMENT BUILDING
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

15 August 1957

Honorable Charles A. Buckley, Chairman
House Committee on Public Works
1304 New House Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Commission of Fine Arts has carefully considered your request for its views on H. R. 8513-85th Congress, a bill "To authorize the preparation of plans and specifications for the construction of a building for a National Air Museum for the Smithsonian Institution, and all other work incidental thereto."

The members of the Commission of Fine Arts have asked me to say that they would be glad to see the Congress authorize the construction of a National Air Museum for the Smithsonian Institution. They will be glad to advise in the development of the design of such a building, which by its very nature will present difficult problems for its architects in size and scale.

The proposed location of the building, however, raises issues that the Commission believes should be carefully studied from all possible angles before it is definitely fixed. The site tentatively chosen requires that a long-projected museum for the display of contemporary art will be displaced from a position where it was to balance the National Gallery of Art. The Commission is reluctant to see the planned relationship between the National Gallery and the proposed art museum on the Mall cast away, because this is the last site available for a museum of this type on the Mall.

We understand also that the space available in this location is large enough to satisfy only a greatly reduced part of the total program desirable for an air museum. Any building erected specifically for an air museum would necessarily have to be designed with its particular requirements and scale in mind, and it, or a part of it, should not be crowded into an area that would be too small.

It is recommended therefore that the site for such a building be fixed definitely only after a study for this purpose has been made by the National Capital Planning Commission, the Commission of Fine Arts, and the Smithsonian Institution, and that mention of provisions to make such a study be incorporated in the legislation.

EXHIBIT H

Honorable Charles A. Buckley 15 August 1957

The Bureau of the Budget has advised that there is no objection to the submission of this report to your Committee.

For the Commission of Fine Arts:

Sincerely yours,

David E. Finley
Chairman

C O P Y

THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS
7000 INTERIOR DEPARTMENT BUILDING
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

15 August 1957

Honorable Dennis Chavez, Chairman
Senate Committee on Public Works
412 Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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EXHIBIT H-1

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David E. Finley
Chairman

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THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS
7000 INTERIOR DEPARTMENT BUILDING
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

13 November 1957

Mr. James A. Blaser, Director
Department of Buildings and Grounds
300 Indiana Avenue, N. W.
Washington 1, D. C.

Dear Mr. Blaser:

At a meeting on 17 October 1957, the Commission of Fine Arts considered the rendering which Mr. R. E. Guard, Chief, Office of Design and Engineering, submitted of the proposed remodelling of the front facade of Police Precinct No. 7, located at 3128 Volta Place, N. W., Washington, D. C.

The members of the Commission passed favorably on the design, but asked me to refer it to the Board of Architectural Consultants for Georgetown for information and review, which was done on 22 October 1957.

The design was approved as presented.

The sketch drawing is being returned herewith.

Sincerely yours,

L. R. Wilson
Secretary

EXHIBIT X

WITNESSES APPEARING BEFORE THE
COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS
17 OCTOBER 1957
IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOLLOWING

PUBLIC BUILDINGS SERVICE, GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

1. FOB #10

Mr. Eugene E. Witherell, Chief, Design Section, Design Branch, Public Buildings Service, General Services Administration;
Mr. J. Roy Carroll, Jr., Mr. Joseph C. Didinger, of Carroll, Grisdale & Van Alen;
Mr. Wm. Holabird, Mr. Hellmuth Bartsch, of Holabird, Root & Burgee.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, NATIONAL CAPITAL PARKS

1. George Washington Memorial Parkway-Upper Spout Run Bridge

Mr. Wm. M. Haussmann, Landscape Architect, NCP

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, HERALDIC BRANCH

1. Capt. Robert Dexter Conrad Award for Scientific Achievement, U. S. Navy

Lt. Col. Jas. S. Cook, Jr., Chief, Heraldic Branch, Quartermaster General's Office.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

1. National Air Museum

Dr. Leonard Carmichael, Secy., Mr. J. E. Graf, Ass't. Secy., Mr. J. L. Keddy, Ass't. Secy., Smithsonian Institution.

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